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**WEAKLEY COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP UPDATE**

DRESDEN, Tenn. – Weakley County Long Term Recovery Group would like to announce its partnership with The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee with funding from the American Red Cross in the amount of $39,000 to support the recovery effort in Dresden. The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has also facilitated funding from the Global Giving Foundation totaling $30,000 and from The Matt Beaty Fund organized by Matt and Jesica Beaty in the amount of $20,000.

Weakley County Long Term Recovery Group has worked with the nonprofit organization, Convoy of Hope, to receive a large donation of building materials. The materials were delivered April 14, 2023, and will be used to meet the needs of survivors of the December 10, 2021, tornado. To date, Convoy of Hope has delivered three truckloads of materials to Weakley County, TN.

As of April 26, 2023, WCLTRG Allocations Committee has facilitated the payment of $270,104.70 to meet the needs of survivors in case management since its inception. Funding has been provided by Dresden Church of Christ, Dresden First Baptist Church, Dresden Rotary Club, Greenfield Church of Christ, Lebanon Church of Christ, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Weakley County Baptist Association, and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. These organizations provided an additional $200,920.00 in assistance to survivors prior to the creation of the WCLTRG in addition to food, toiletries, appliances, and clothing.

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| Auto | $11,077.65 |
| Construction | $71,455.89 |
| Furniture/Appliances | $69,102.95 |
| Home Repairs | $56,080.53 |
| Household | $900.63 |
| Housing | $18,645.00 |
| Services | $24,853.87 |
| Storage | $900.00 |
| Supplies | $16,714.23 |
| Personal Care | $373.95 |
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| **Total distributed through WCLTRG as of March 27, 2023** | **$270,104.70** |
| **Total distributed by funders prior to WCLTRG formation** | **$200,920.00** |
| **Total distributed to survivors by the funders** | **$471,024.70** |

The following case management update was provided by UMCOR on April 26, 2023:

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| Open Cases | 58 |
| Closed Cases | 93 |
| Awaiting Assignment to Case Manager | 0 |
| Repair and Rebuild projects in progress | 7 |

The Recovery Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to support survivors locally. The center is currently staffed by the Program Coordinator and two case managers. Walk-ins are welcome or you can contact the center by calling (731) 699-7913. Please visit [www.rebuildweakley.com](http://www.rebuildweakley.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/WCLTRG> for more information regarding disaster recovery in Weakley County.